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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Under the enquiry made under section 38, has the Registrar anything to say about the conduct of the Executive Officer who was referred to by me? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Notice, Sir."

Construction of Chettuvai Bridge in Ponnani taluk.

* 256 Q.—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state at what stage the construction of Chettuvai Bridge in Ponnani taluk, stands at present?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The proposal to construct the Chettuvai Bridge in Ponnani taluk is being treated as a Part II Scheme for the State Budget for 1955–56."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Previously when the question was put, the Government replied that estimates for the scheme were being worked out. May I know whether the estimates are ready and whether the Government are seriously thinking of including it in the schemes for 1955–56."

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes, Sir. The estimated cost of the scheme comes to about Rs. 10 lakhs and the Government have sanctioned it for inclusion in 1955–56."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know whether the Government have taken any final decision about the site of the Bridge? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Even the Chief Engineer has approved the site."

Murder and suicide cases registered in the Police stations in Wynaad taluk, Malabar.

* 257 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of cases of murder and suicide recorded in all Police stations in Wynaad taluk in Malabar district during the years 1952–53 and 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A statement[a] giving the particulars asked for is placed on the table of the House."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the offences were committed in the whole taluk of Wynaad and whether the police are very indifferent towards the detection of crimes in that particular area? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am afraid the hon. Member is not quite correct."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 60 infra.

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Looking at the figures placed on the table of the House, there is more than 300 per cent increase in the number of suicide cases during 1953–54. Is there any particular reason for it? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not find a 300 per cent increase in the number of suicide cases. In 1952-53 it was 12 and in 1953–54 it was 20. Is it a 300 per cent increase? "

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" May I know whether these figures include any suicide committed within the police station? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir, as far as I could see."

* Question Nos. 258 and 259—

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I request that question Nos. 258 and 259 may be taken up together."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes, they may be taken up together."

Levy of sales tax at a single point.

* 258 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have completed consideration of the proposal to amend the General Sales Tax Act, 1939, so as to levy tax at single point; and

(b) if so, the final decision of the Government in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) No.

" (b) No definite scheme has yet been formulated."

* 259 Q.—SRI C. KANDASAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hon. the Chief Minister stated at a public meeting at Madurai on 29th August 1954 that the Government are considering the feasibility of replacing the multi-point sales tax on commodities by a single-point one; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay a copy of the scheme on the table of the House and when it will be brought into effect?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) No definite scheme has yet been formulated."